

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## Lent is upon us, join the World Day of Prayer, sign up for the Lourdes Pilgrimage

### Lent and Easter resources

The start of Lent is next week with Ash Wednesday falling on 2 March this year.

We are compiling a useful guide of activities, prayer, courses, resources and retreats on the diocesan website.

Suitable for individual, family, parish and school use.

[Lent and Easter resources](#)

### A Weekly Focus on Lent

To help you to participate in a faith-filled Lent this year, the Diocesan Liturgy and Worship Group will be selecting a different Lent resource for you to explore on the Diocese Life blog every week, from week commencing 28 February.

[Diocese Life Blog](#)

### The Synod - the next phase

Thank you to all who have taken part in conversations on the Synod in our parishes and communities.

The **deadline to receive feedback is this Monday, 28 February**, after which the next phase of our Synod journey begins.

Diocesan Discernment: During the month of March various 'reading groups' representing every aspect of Diocesan life will be invited to gather at St Chad's

Cathedral to read and discern the responses from parishes, schools and individuals.

The next stage of our Synod journey

## **World Day of Prayer, Friday 4 March**

This year's overarching theme is HOPE – very appropriate for this time when the world is coming to terms with the ongoing risks of a pandemic and the climate crisis.

The Scripture focus is Jeremiah 29:11: *“For I know the plans I have for you”*.

More information and access resources

## **Sign up now for Lourdes**

Always wanted to join the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage? Then now's your chance!

Bookings are now being taken for this year's event, which will be the Archdiocese's 80th pilgrimage to Lourdes (29 May - 3 June 2022).

Travel is by air or coach with lots of hotel options available.

Join the Lourdes Pilgrimage

## **Nurses for Lourdes**

If you would like to join the nursing team for Birmingham's 80th pilgrimage to Lourdes, 29 May - 3 June 2022, please get in touch:

[chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)

07503 898 991

Useful dates:

Training Day: 26/03

Nursing team handover: 22/05

Sign up for the nursing team

## **Still time to book: What is God Saying to the Church? (Online event)**

Divine Renovation and Alpha invite you to a live online event with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Revd Nicky Gumbel where they'll discuss: What is God saying to the Church?

This is a FREE event for parish leaders – clergy and laypeople alike – on the topic of mission, evangelisation and parish renewal, happening on **Tuesday 1 March** at 6pm.

To learn more about this event and to register, visit:

[Divine Renovation Event](#)

## **Save the date! Scripture and Spirituality Conference 2022**

Hosted online in July by the Carmelite Friars.

Scripture and Spirituality Conference 2022 - Made in God's Image: A Fresh Vision for Human Flourishing.

[More information and book](#)

**Did you know?** The Universe Catholic Weekly is a new online newspaper (online replacement for the Catholic Universe newspaper) with Cardinal Vincent Nichols its first subscriber.

To find out more and subscribe visit [universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

## **Dates for your diary: the month ahead**

**Tue 1 Mar:** [Divine Renovation and Alpha: What is God saying to the Church?](#)

**Thu 3 Mar:** [Thursday Live Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

**Fri 4 Mar:** [World Day of Prayer](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [YouCAN Birmingham Retreat](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [Pact: Just People online workshop part 2](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [Refresher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

**Fri 11 - Sat 12 Mar:** [Theology Conference - Exploring the Synodal Church](#)

**Tues 22 Mar:** [Divine Renovation webinar: From Courses to Conversions \(part 2\)](#)

**Thu 24 - Sun 27 Mar:** [Three-day Cursillo weekend](#)

[More Events](#)

## **Supporting your parish**

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes still greatly need your support.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

## Support your Parish

### Live Masses online

Live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

### Online Masses at St Chad's

### Please follow us online

If you are on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram please follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham online.

Our accounts are being used more than ever before to share news, events and information.

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It's great to see information coming into us which we can share with others, please keep it coming!



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